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AMBASSADOR WHITEHOUSE FROM OAKLEY; CINCPAC FOR POLAD

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, TH, ID

SUBJECT: FY1978 MAP FOR THAILAND

REF: BANGKOK 9943

1. AS MENTIONED IN STATE 103006 THE DEPARTMENT IS VERY  
MUCH AWARE OF THE IMPACT UPON THE WHOLE REGION OF SOUTH-  
EAST ASIA OF SUCH USG ACTIONS AS CUTTING THE MAP TO THAI-  
LAND AND INDONESIA. WE HAVE CITED THIS AS WELL AS THE  
OBVIOUS NERVOUSNESS BY OUR NON-COMMUNIST FRIENDS IN SOUTH-  
EAST ASIA IN ARGUING FOR RECONSIDERATION OF THE CUTS JUST  
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AS WE DID IN INITIAL TESTIMONY.

2. THE DEPARTMENT IS WAGING A MAJOR BATTLE OVER THESE TWO  
PROGRAMS EVEN THOUGH THE AMOUNT IS SMALL BECAUSE WE UNDER-  
STAND ALL TOO WELL THE SYMBOLIC IMPORTANCE. KEY SENATORS  
HAVE BEEN CONTACTED BY UNDER SECRETARIES HABIB AND BENSON  
AND IN ONE CASE BY VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE, AS WELL AS BY

THE REGULAR STATE AND WHITE HOUSE LIAISON OFFICERS. DICK HOLBROOKE HAS BEEN UNTIRING IN HIS PERSONAL CONTACTS WITH THE SENATE AND HAS OBTAINED PLEDGES FROM SEVERAL OF THE ORIGINAL OPPONENTS TO CHANGE THEIR MINDS. WHILE WE CANNOT YET TELL WHAT THE OUTCOME WILL BE, AND YOU SHOULD NOT SAY ANYTHING TO HOST GOVTS, THE PROSPECTS ARE NOT BAD FOR

RESTORING A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF THE MAP. IF WE ARE LUCKY IT COULD ALL BE PUT BACK IN BUT THIS IS PROBABLY ASKING TOO MUCH, GIVEN THE HISTORY OF CONGRESSIONAL ANTI-PATHY TOWARD MAP AND FEAR OVER U.S.MILITARY INVOLVEMENT IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. CHRISTOPHER

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